New strategy for Implementation of Projects

3090. SHRI C.P.THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to change priorities at the time of funding of on-going projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any new strategy for evaluation of the on-going projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The question of reprioritisation arises only in respect of on-going projects which are facing fund constraints.

(b) Projects having the potential of early completion and/or yielding high economic returns on investment are to be accorded a priority in funding.

(c) and (d) The implementation status of ongoing projects is evaluated on the basis of financial as well as physical parameters.

Misappropriation of MPLADS fund

†3091. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds being provided by Government to Members of Parliament under the MPLAD scheme, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints or information regarding misappropriation of the said funds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government have taken in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFSTATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Since 1998-99, the annual entitlement of MPLADS fund for an MP is Rs. 2 crore. MP-wise information on release of funds, which is governed by the provisions of para 4.4 of the Guidelines on MPLADS, is available in the monthly report brought out by this Ministry, a copy of which is kept in the Parliament Library. The monthly report is also available at website www.mplads.nic.in.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry has received complaints relating to misappropriation/ misultilisation of MPLADS funds, delay in sanctioning/execution of works and non-compliance of Guidelines on MPLADS. The details of the complaints received during last 2 calendar years are given in the Statement. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C and AG) has, in the Audit Reports for the years ending March 1997 and March, 2000 pointed out certain cases of suspected fraud and misappropriation of funds in the States.

As and when any compaint is received, it is examined with due care and appropriate remedial action is taken, in case the complaint pertains to the Central Government. In other cases, the complaints are referred to the District Heads and the State Governments concerned for taking immediate remedial action. State Governments concerned have been advised to take action on the cases of suspected fraud/misappropriation of funds pointed out by the C and AG.

Statement

Details of complaints received during the year 2001 & 2002

Sl. No.	Name of Complainant & Date of complaint.	Brief Subject	Action Taken
1.	Sh. Jagannath Mallick MP (LS) Dated-16.7.2002	Misappropriation of MPLADS Fund.	The Final Reply to Hon'ble MP has been sent on 30.12.2002.

Sl. No.	Name of Complainant & Date of complaint.	Brief Subject	Action Taken
2.	Sh. Brijbhushan Sharan Singh, MP (LS) Dated 12.9.2002	Alleged payment made to agencies without work done	Factual report called for from DC Gonda. State Government requested to take disciplinary action against executive Engineers
3.	Sh. Hukumdev Narayan Yadav, MP (LS) Dated 7-11-2001	Alleged Irregularities in implementation of MPLADS Fund	Detailed report called for from DM/Nodal Department.
4.	Sheela Gautam, MP (LS) Dated 24.4.2001	Alleged irregularities in the construction of link roads in Aligarh	Principal Secretary (Planning), Govt. of UP requested to furnish Action Taken Report.
5.	Sh. V.P. Bahl, DSP (Retd.) Dated 2.7.2001	Mis-use of MPLADS Fund	Enquiry conducted by Addl. Deputy Commissioner. State Government of Punjab requested to advise DC, Jalandhar to get disciplinary action initiated against the EO, Jalandhar Cantt.
6.	Sh. Ramnagina Mishra, MP (LS) Dated 12.2.2001	Alleged corruption utilization of MPLADS Fund	Nodal Department asked to furnish comments and factual report.
7.	Sh. Ali Akbar Miah, MLA Bilasipara West Dated 20.6.2002	Mis-appropriation of MPLADS Fund allocated to Sh. Abdul Hamid, MP (LS)	Factual report called for from Deputy Commissioner, Dhubri District.
8.	Sh. Bimolanshu Roy, MLA Dated 22.9.2002	Mis-use of MPLADS Fund	DC, Cachar requested to ensure that MPLADS fund are not spent on the project under question.
9.	Sh. Rajo Singh, MP (LS) Dated 10.2.2002	Irregularities in the execution of the MPLADS Fund.	Reply sent to the Hon'ble MP.